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SUBJECT: THIRD PREPCOM FOR SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION -

EC-9 DRAFT RESOLUTION ON INDUSTRIALIZATION

REF: USUN 3740

1. THIS MESSAGE IS ADDRESSED SIMPLY TO PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE
EC-9 DRAFT RESOLUTION QUOTED REFTEL, WHICH "ADOPTS RESOLU-
TION 45 (IX) OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND
ESPECIALLY REQUESTS THAT ALL GOVERNMENTS TAKE INDIVIDUALLY
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AND/OR COLLECTIVELY THE MEASURES AND DECISIONS NECESSARY FOR
PRACTICAL EFFECT TO BE GIVEN TO THE COMMITMENTS THEY ENTERED
INTO PURSUANT TO THE LIMA DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION ON
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION."

2. WE REALIZE THAT THE LANGUAGE FROM "REQUESTS" ONWARD IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME (EXCEPT FOR WHAT SEEM TO BE NON-SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES IN TRANSLATION) AS THE FORMULA WORKED OUT IN VIENNA FOR IDB RESOLUTION NO. 45 (IX), TO WHICH WE RELUCTANTLY AGREED. WE ARE UNHAPPY WITH IT, EVEN THOUGH THE INTENT OF THIS FORMULA WAS TO ABSOLVE US FROM FULFILLING ANY COMMITMENTS IN THE LIMA DECLARATION CONTAINED IN PROVISIONS WE VOTED AGAINST OR ON WHICH WE ABSTAINED. WE SEE TWO FLAWS IN THIS FORMULA. FIRST, THOSE SUPPORTING ANY SUCH RESOLUTION WOULD BE REQUESTING OTHER GOVERNMENTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR OWN POSITIONS ON THE LIMA DECLARATION, TO IMPLEMENT INTER ALIA SUCH PROVISIONS AS THOSE RELATING TO TREATMENT OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND EXPROPRIATION AND TO THE FORMATION OF PRIMARY PRODUCER CARTELS. (THESE AND CERTAIN OTHER PROVISIONS, OF COURSE, PARALLELED OBJECTION-ABLE PROVISIONS OF THE CERDS AND NIEO.) SECOND, EVEN WITH THE U.S. INTERPRETATION WITH RESPECT TO COMMITMENTS, THE DOMINANT IMPRESSION GIVEN BY THE LANGUAGE IS THAT ALL GOVERNMENTS IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR VOTE RECOGNIZE COMMITMENTS IN THE LIMA DECLARATION AND THAT THE UNGA IS CALLING UPON THEM TO IMPLEMENT THEM.

3. THEREFORE WE WISH TO AVOID PRESERVING THE VIENNA FORMULA IN WHATEVER RESOLUTION MIGHT BE ADOPTED BY THE SPECIAL SESSION, AND WE SEE NO NEED FOR THE EC-9 TO SUGGEST IT. HENCE WE SUGGEST THAT YOU CONSULT WITH KEY EC-9 MEMBERS IN HOPES THAT A SUITABLE CHANGE CAN BE MADE IF THEY PROPOSE TO TABLE THIS OR SOME SIMILAR RESOLUTION IN THE SPECIAL SESSION ITSELF, DRAWING AS APPROPRIATE ON THE CONSIDERATIONS OF THE PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH. YOU SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THE PRESENT LANGUAGE. WE WOULD NOT OF COURSE OBJECT TO A NEUTRAL AND FACTUAL REFERENCE TO THE LIMA DECLARATION (AS IN THE CASE OF REFERENCES TO THE CERDS AND NIEO), WHICH SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR PURPOSES OF LINKAGE. (AS INDICATED, WE ARE NOT ATTEMPTING TO ADDRESS THE REMAINDER OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION

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IN THIS MESSAGE.)

4. FOR BACKGROUND, OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 OF IDB RESOLUTION 45 (IX) OF APRIL 30, 1975 READS: "REQUESTS ALL GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE INDIVIDUALLY AND/OR COLLECTIVELY NECESSARY MEASURES AND DECISIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT EFFECTIVELY THEIR UNDERTAKINGS IN TERMS OF THE LIMA DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION." (THIS REPLACED THE UNACCEPTABLE ORIGINAL G-77 LANGUAGE, "...ALL NECESSARY MEASURES AND DECISIONS REQUIRED TO FULLY AND EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE LIMA..." ETC.) WE RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO THIS COMPROMISE -- AS A PACKAGE ALONG WITH SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE REST OF THE RESOLU-

TION -- WHEN IT PROVED IMPOSSIBLE TO NEGOTIATE A MORE
SATISFACTORY TEXT AND WHEN IT APPEARED WE WOULD OTHERWISE
BE ISOLATED FROM OUR WESTERN FRIENDS. OUR REPRESENTATIVE
EXPLAINED FOR THE RECORD, HOWEVER, THAT THE U.S. POSITIONS
EXPRESSED AT LIMA HAD NOT CHANGED, THAT WE CONSIDERED THIS
RESOLUTION PURELY PROCEDURAL AND NOT INTENDED TO MOVE
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES BEYOND THEIR POSITIONS AT LIMA, AND THAT
THIS RESOLUTION WOULD NOT PREJUDICE POSITIONS WE MIGHT
WISH TO TAKE ON ANY POINTS IN THE LIMA DOCUMENTS WHICH THE
U.S. VOTED AGAINST OR ON WHICH IT ABSTAINED. THE PROSPECTIV

SITUATION OF GA "ADOPTION" OF RESOLUTION 45 (IX) IS OF
COURSE VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE INTERIM, PROCEDURAL STEP
TAKEN BY THE IDB, SO THAT WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT THE
LANGUAGE OF PARAGRAPH ONE FOR THE REASONS STATED ABOVE.
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